Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1811.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, A. L. 5811.

PRESENT:

M.E. JAS. DEAN HOPKINS,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. WM. WOART,	Grand King.
M.E. SAM'L A. OTIS,	Grand Scribe.
E. JNO. B. HAMMATT,	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
EDW'D HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
JACOB PERKINS,	Grand Steward.
JAMES LOCKE,	" "
RICH'D HUNNEWELL,	Grand Inside Sentinel.
JOS'H CURRIER,	Grand Tyler.

M.E. BENJAMIN HURD, Jr., Grand High Priest, N. S. A.

M.E. JONATHAN GAGE,	E. THOMAS CAREY,
" OLIVER PRESCOTT,	" GILMAN WHITE,
" THOS. P. JACKSON,	M.E. JOSHUA GREENLEAF.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, the several proxies were then read, and the several Chapters represented as follows:

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's,	M.E. JNO. B. HAMMATT.
" "	E. EDW'D HORSMAN.
" "	" HENRY PURKETT.
King Cyrus,	M.E. SAMUEL A. OTIS.
" "	E. JOS'H BROWN.
" "	" SAM'L L. KNAPP.
St. John's,	" EDW'D DORR.
Mount Vernon,	" OLIVER PEIRCE.
King Solomon's,	Not represented.
Washington,	E. JAS. CHAS. KING.
"	" ROB'T BROOKHOUSE.
"	" JOHN NORRIS.

Voted, That Comps. Jona. Gage, Henry Fowle and Thos. Carey be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary for the year past, and report what compensation shall be allowed for their services. The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported that they find the accounts of the Treasurer correctly cast and properly vouched, and that there is a balance in his hands due the Grand Chapter of *twelve dollars and forty-nine cents*. They also report that the records have been properly entered by the Grand Secretary and that he be allowed and paid for his faithful services the sum of *fifteen dollars*—which report was unanimously accepted.

Agreeably to the vote passed at the meeting of this Grand Chapter in June last, Comp. Sam'l L. Knapp of King Cyrus Chapter, produced the records and other documents in the case of Benj. Merrill—whereon it was *voted* that Comps. Henry Fowle, Henry Purkett and Jas. Charles King be a

Committee to report what order shall be taken thereon, who having retired some time, on their return reported that the proceedings of King Cyrus Chapter were just and impartial and that this Grand Chapter do approve the same, which report was unanimously accepted and the Grand Secretary directed to communicate to the several Chapters the expulsion of Benj. Merrill.

Voted, That Comps. Jona. Gage, Thos. Jackson, James Chas. King, Samuel L. Knapp and John B. Hammatt be a Committee to take into consideration the subject of censures and expulsions of members in the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, and report upon the expediency of adopting some general regulations upon that subject.

Voted, That Comps. Henry Purkett, Henry Fowle and Andrew Sigourney be a Committee to report to this Grand Chapter a form for the ceremonies of installation and public processions.

Voted, That Comps. Jas. D. Hopkins, Wm. Woart, Jona. Gage, Henry Purkett and Sam'l L. Knapp be a Committee to take into consideration what measures shall be adopted to prevent spurious Royal Arch Masons from gaining admission into regular Chapters.

The time for choice of officers having arrived the M.E. appointed the Marshal and Stewards a Committee to collect and count the votes.

M.E. Jas. Dean Hopkins was duly elected Grand High Priest for the year ensuing.

E. Wm. Woart was duly elected Grand King but declined serving and was excused. The election was resumed and the following are the officers as duly elected and appointed for the year ensuing, viz.:

M.E. Jas. Dean Hopkins, Esq.,	Grand High Priest.
E. Henry Fowle, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" John Abbot, . . .	Grand King.
" Henry Purkett, . .	Grand Scribe.
" Andrew Sigourney, .	Grand Treasurer.
" Edward Horsman, .	Grand Secretary.
" John B. Hammatt, .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. James Thompson, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Rev. John Bartlett, . .	" "
E. Seth Johnson, . .	Grand Steward.
" John Chadwick, . .	" "
" Benj. Whitmore, . .	" "
" Nicholas Pierce, Jr., .	" "
Richard Hunnewell, .	Grand Tyler.
Ebenezer Oliver, . .	" "

The several officers were duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal and installed by the Grand High Priest.

The officers present were duly qualified.

Lessons were then given on the several degrees.

Closed in due form.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,

Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, 5811.

Present:

M.E. Henry Fowle, . . Deputy Grand High Priest.

E. JOHN ABBOT, . .	Grand King.
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand Treasurer.
EDW'D HORSMAN, . .	Grand Secretary.
E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. JAMES THOMPSON, . .	Grand Chaplain.
SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
JOHN CHADWICK, . .	" "
EBENEZER OLIVER, . .	Grand Tyler.
E. THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Past Scribe.

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was represented by Comps. JOHN DIXWELL, SAM'L HOWE and JOSEPH JENKINS. No other Chapter was represented.

Companions Hector Coffin, Jas. W. Jenkins and John Brock, Jr., were admitted visiters by vote.

The E. King, Treasurer, Chaplain and Stewards were then qualified.

The Committee on censures and expulsions had leave to suspend their report.

The Committee on the form of installation and public processions, reported a form for the same which was read, and at the request of the Committee, further order thereon was suspended until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the propriety of designating appropriate jewels for subordinate officers in the several Chapters under this jurisdiction be committed to the last named Committee.

Lessons were then given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Salem, on Wednesday, Jan'y 15th, 5812, for the purpose of consecrating and installing Washington Royal Arch Chapter.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand King.
" JOHN BARTLETT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" " . .	Grand Chaplain.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand Treasurer.
" EDW'D HORSMAN, . .	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
JOHN CHADWICK, . .	" "
EBENEZER OLIVER, . .	Grand Tyler.

The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Comp. Abel Lawrence, Jr., bearer of the Great Lights, and Comp. Thos. Witt, Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 11 o'clock A. M., in a room adjacent to the Hall of Washington Royal Arch Chapter.

Voted, That the form of installations and public processions reported at the Stated Meeting of the Grand Chapter in December last, shall regulate the proceedings on the present occasion; and that the Committee have leave to suspend further report until the next Stated Meeting of the Grand Chapter.

A Committee from Washington Chapter waited on the Grand Chapter and informed them that said Chapter was then in session and waited their pleasure.

A procession of the Grand Chapter was then formed, and escorted by the Committee, proceeded to their Hall.

The officers of Washington Chapter resigned their seats to the officers of the Grand Chapter.

Silence being proclaimed, an appropriate prayer was made by the Rev. John Bartlett, Grand Chaplain, and was followed by an Ode.

The Deputy Grand High Priest directed the Grand Secretary to read the order for and report of the Committee appointed by him to examine the records and work of Washington Chapter agreeable to a vote of the Grand Chapter in this case provided, which report was in favor of said Chapter and is on file.

The members of Washington Chapter then arose and the Grand Marshal addressed the Deputy Grand High Priest, saying "a number of Companions duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor of the Art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having obtained, they are now assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form."

The Deputy Grand High Priest then directed the Grand Secretary to read the Warrant or Charter, which being done, he demanded of the new Chapter if they approved of the officers named therein, which being answered in the affirmative, he then arose and said,

"By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my worthy Companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; from henceforth you are authorized

and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain; conforming in all your doings to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution and the General Regulations of the State Grand Chapter; and may the God of your fathers be with you, guide and direct you in all your doings."

The Grand Chaplain then said—"To our Most Excellent Patron ZERUBBABEL we solemnly dedicate this Chapter, may the blessing of our Heavenly High Priest descend and rest upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal."

Glory to God on high!

(Response.) As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end.

Amen! so mote it be! Amen!

The Deputy Grand High Priest then directed that the High Priest of Washington Chapter should be qualified, when a procession was formed, and all on whom the order of High Priesthood had not been conferred retired from the Hall; and on their return the Grand Marshal presented the High Priest of Washington Chapter to the Deputy Grand High Priest as duly qualified for installation.

The Deputy Grand High Priest then invested the High Priest of Washington Chapter with the jewel and robes of his office with appropriate charges to each, after having proposed certain questions relating to the duties of his office as provided by the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, then invested the correspondent officers in Washington Chapter with their several jewels, each giving an appropriate charge.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, with the assistance of his Council, invested the remaining officers of the new Chapter with appropriate charges to each.

An Ode was then sung by the members of Washington Chapter.

A very pertinent and eloquent address was then delivered by Comp. M.E. and Rev. Edw'd Turner, High Priest of Washington Chapter.

The throne of Grace was then addressed in an appropriate prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain.

A procession of the Grand Chapter was then formed and they returned to their room in the same order as at opening, and closed in due form. After which, at the invitation of Washington Chapter, the Grand Chapter, with other invited guests, repaired to the hall of refreshment, where they partook of an elegant dinner, a number of appropriate toasts and sentiments were given, harmony and brotherly love universally prevailed, and at 5 o'clock, P. M., the members of the Grand Chapter took leave of their Companions.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at a private room in Charlestown, opposite the late abode of M.E. James Harrison, deceased, to attend whose funeral the Grand Chapter were assembled, Thursday evening, January 23d, 5811.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY PURKETT,	Grand King.
" JONA. GAGE,	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" EDW'D HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
JOHN CHADWICK,	" "
EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Tyler.

M.E., the Deputy Grand High Priest, appointed

Comp. ELISHA WHEELER,	to bear Great Lights.
" THOMAS REDMAN,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" WM. LEARNED,	Guard.
" SAM'L HOWE,	"

WM. QUINER,	DANIEL BAXTER,
NATH'L RIPLEY,	JOSEPH JENKINS,
BENJ. GLEASON,	Comp. GOODWIN,
JOS'H TUCKER,	SAMUEL ABBOT,
WM. LORING,	JOHN JACKSON,
Comp. HARRIS,	OLIVER MILLS,
Comp. LUMAN,	JOHN BRAY,

DAVID MOODY.

Opened, omitting ceremonies.

The M.E. Deputy Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter on the event on which they were assembled; the sacred roll was then read by him and the throne of Grace addressed in the prayer used at the funeral rites of Master Masons. See Mason's Monitor, 134 page, 3d Edition.

A procession was then formed in which the Grand Chapter was joined by King Solomon's Lodge and proceeded to

the Second Baptist Meeting House in Charlestown, when prayers were made by the Rev. Doctor Baldwin, after which an Eulogy was delivered by the R. W. Brother, the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, M. D., &c., a Dirge was performed by the choir, and the usual ceremonies was performed by the M.E. Deputy Grand High Priest, after which the procession was re-formed and returned to their room near the late abode of the deceased. The Deputy Grand High Priest directed the sacred roll to be deposited in the Archives of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That Companions M.E. Henry Fowle, E. Henry Purkett and M.E. Benj. Hurd be a Committee to wait on R. W. Brother Bartlett, and request of him a copy of the Eulogy delivered by him, to be inserted on the records of the Grand Chapter, and return the thanks of the Grand Chapter for his services on this occasion.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 9th, 5812.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN ABBOT,	Grand King.
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.

JOHN CHADWICK,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand Marshal.
EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Tyler.

M.E. JONA. GAGE, Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

St Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was represented by Comps. SAMUEL HOWE, proxy to the High Priest, and Z. G. WHITMAN, as proxy to the King.

St. John's Royal Arch Chapter was represented by Comp. WM. F. BRAZER, as proxy to the High Priest.

Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter was represented by Comp. M.E. WM. SWAN, High Priest.

No other Chapter represented.

Companions Jas. Dickinson, Joseph Jenkins and Alex'r Bowers were admitted visiters by vote.

The Committee appointed to wait on R. W. Brother Bartlett and request a copy of his Eulogy at the funeral of M.E. Jas. Harrison, deceased, reported that they had procured a copy of the same, whereon it was voted that the same be recorded in the Chapter's books.

Voted, That Comps. E. John Abbot and E. John B. Hammatt be added to the Committee on the form of installations, &c., and that said Committee report at the Annual Meeting in September next.

The Committee on Expulsions reported progress and had leave to sit again.

A petition from Comps. Rev. James Gurney, Peter Hussey, Thaddeus Coffin and their associates, to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Nantucket, by the name of The Rising Sun, was then read,—whereon it was *voted* that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

and that they have and receive a dispensation accordingly, provided they first obtain a recommendation from St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston.

The Committee appointed to designate appropriate jewels for subordinate officers, reported progress and had leave to sit again.

Voted, That Comps. E. Henry Purkett, E. J. B. Hammatt and E. Thomas Jackson be a Committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter at their Annual Meeting in September next.

A communication was received from Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, stating that Bro. Stephen Swett of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland, having applied for the degrees conferred in said Chapter, was rejected.

Lessons were then given on the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees.

A true record from the minutes.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS AT THE INTERMENT

—OF—

COMP. JAMES HARRISON.

An Address delivered before the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in the Baptist Meeting House at Charlestown, at the interment of Comp. James Harrison, Jan'y 23d, 1812, by Brother, the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, M. D.

My respected Brethren:—

We are again assembled to offer our last tribute of respect, to the memory of a distinguished member of this ancient fraternity, and the frequency of these solemnities evinces the truth of that eventful decree, to the progenitor of the human race, "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

Public attestations to the merits of the dead are instructive to the living, and whilst the philosophic labors of our FRANKLIN, must inspire us with admiration, the arduous toils of our WASHINGTON with patriotism, and the undaunted courage of our WARREN with bravery, the humbler, but not less virtuous pursuits of our beloved brother whose remains are now before us, but whose ears are deaf to our grateful effusions of esteem, must excite in us a laudable desire to imitate his virtues.

For tokens of his filial regard, we may inquire of his venerable parent, and he will declare, that a constant course of obedience and respect were exhibited in every action of his life.

To convince us of his conjugal attentions, if we appeal to his surviving partner, she will gratefully assure us, that his tenderness and affection were sincere and undeviating.

For evidence of his parental kindness and solicitude, should we examine his tender offspring, their copious tears would testify to his peculiar care in their education, morals and rational enjoyments.

To know his fraternal attachment we may go to the fatherless children of his departed brethren who will willingly discover, that by his liberality they were comforted and encouraged as their exigencies required.

In proof of his constancy and stability as a friend, we might refer to many with whom he reciprocated this endearing connection, and they would acknowledge his fidelity and sincerity.

To display his domestic deportment, should we question those who have composed his household, they will cheerfully tell us, that he was courteous, generous and exemplary.

For a demonstration of his religious principles and character, if we solicit the opinions of those with whom he was specially connected and associated in this most important relation, they will readily inform us, that he was a pre-eminent consistent christian, that he generously contributed to the erection of this sacred edifice, and that his kind attachment to them and their reverend pastor, will embalm his memory in their grateful remembrance.

To discover his conduct in business, we may resort to those with whom he was most intimately connected, and with whom he dealt; they will convince us, that fairness and punctuality were conspicuous in his various pursuits, and that his extensive concerns were regulated by uprightness and integrity.

To evince his sentiments on political subjects, should we interrogate his associates and acquaintances, they will readily answer, that although decided in his opinions and invariably attached to the original patrons and supporters of our national charter, he was, from the moment of his admission to the rights of citizenship, till the time of his death, without the zeal of a bigot, or the ardor of a partizan, a conscientious supporter of the constituted authorities; and that he viewed with equal disapprobation the unjustifiable measures of the government from which he emigrated, and the arbitrary usurpations of her imperial rival.

To ascertain his merits as a citizen, his readiness to contribute on every proper occasion to the public welfare, and his scrupulous regard to the peace and prosperity of the town, we refer you to those, who at different periods have directed its concerns, and they with all who knew him in the assembly, can furnish a satisfactory reply.

To develop his private charities, we might visit the abodes of numerous victims of poverty and distress whose ardent benedictions would prove his attention to their sufferings and necessities.

To assure us of his patience and submission, we may ask of those who surrounded him, in a long, excruciating illness, and they will relate, that with meekness and humility, he submitted to the inscrutable dispensations of his Maker, and that no murmur escaped his lips, in as severe a conflict with disease as has seldom fallen to the lot of humanity.

For his Masonic character and qualifications, if we contemplate the virtues I have briefly enumerated, we may fully discover the genuine principles of our institution, and would to God, that his amiable qualities were conspicuous in the lives and conduct of the whole fraternity; then would its progress, which has so long resisted the ravages of time and the varied assaults of its enemies, extend with increasing lustre and silence its most strenuous opposers.

Mr. Harrison was born at Blackburn in Lancashire, in Great Britain, June 17th, 1766. He married Alice Ainsworth of the same place, June 25th, 1791. She died in Boston, Jan'y 24th, 1795, which was soon after his arrival in this country. He married Charlotte Noble of Boston, Feb. 1st, 1796. By the former wife he had three children, two of whom are dead. By his widow he had ten, of which eight are now living. In 1794, he was initiated into King Solomon's Lodge in this place, after which he became a member of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter at Boston, where from his assiduity and improvement he arrived to its highest office. He afterwards sustained an important station in the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth, and I shall not derogate from the merits of the living, or reproach the memory of the dead, when I

remark that the various offices in which he served were never filled by a worthier Mason.

I am fully aware, my friends and fellow citizens, how cursorily and imperfectly the duty assigned me on this interesting occasion has been discharged; but the unusual shortness of the notice, my professional avocations, and the severity of the season, may serve as an apology. Willingly would I have dwelt on the character of so sincere a friend, so valuable an acquaintance, and so good a man. But with our most respectful, unaffected affectionate condolence with the bereaved family and relatives of the deceased, and with the members of this religious society, we must now commit him to the silent mansions of the dead, believing that his immortal spirit is participating the joys he so fondly anticipated, in the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and in the enjoyment of that celestial temple where "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."